




Friendship Star Quilters January 2025

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The Quiltline

Calendar of Events

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Jan 1 **FSQ Quilt Show Registration** opens – see FSQ website for details
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Jan 6 **FSQ Guild Meeting via Zoom** 7:30 pm**
(February will also be a Zoom meeting)
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Jan 22 **FSQ Quilt Show Meeting via Zoom** 7:00 pm

Fabric Raffle – will resume in March at our next in-person meeting

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Guild Meetings

Guild meetings are usually held at 7:30 pm on the 1st Monday of the month.

When we resume in-person meetings in March we will meet at

Asbury Methodist Village
Rosborough Center
301 Odendhal Ave.
Gaithersburg, MD

**** Join us at 7:00 pm for mingling and conversation!**

Service Projects

Workshops are held from 9:30 am to Noon at

Fairhaven United Methodist Church
12801 Darnestown Rd
Darnestown, MD 20878

Workshops this month:

Thursday, Jan. 9th
Thursday, Jan. 23rd

Executive Board Meeting

The next Executive Board Meeting will be via Zoom on **Feb 10th at 7:00 pm.**

If you have a topic to bring to the board, please contact any of the officers to add your item to the agenda or to receive the Zoom link for the meeting.



President's Message

Anne Flaggs

Hello Quilters,

I hope you all have enjoyed your Holiday Celebrations and are ready for a Joyous New Year in 2025. I hope all your goals and wishes are attainable and include some sewing time.

Just a few things from me this month.

- Our program committee is retiring soon, and we are looking for some new folks to volunteer to help with this important job for the Guild. Think about volunteering. And they will soon be starting to work on next year's programs. Do you have a favorite teacher or topic to recommend? Maybe you went to a larger Quilting event like Oaks, Hampton, QuiltCon, MAQ or someplace else and saw someone that might be interesting for either an in-person or Zoom meeting. If you do, please let the program committee know your thoughts.
- The Quilt show is coming in April, which isn't that far off; registrations will close on March 15th. Get working on finishing up your submissions and don't forget about the FSQ Challenge "Life is a Beach", the silent auction and the boutique. We all want the show to be a huge success and that will only happen if we all participate.
- We are on Zoom in January and February and return to live/hybrid meetings in March at our new location. More details on the new location as we get closer to the March meeting but I'm excited to see how it all comes together at Asbury, I'm sure it will be wonderful.
- Service Projects still meets in person over the winter. Please consider joining them to help tie/bind quilts and socialize with other members of the guild. We have a lot of fun while we work together on charity quilts.

Thanks, and enjoy this winter season.

Anne



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Guild Meeting Minutes - December

Harriet Sheinson

7:30 pm Anne Flaggs, President, called the meeting to order. There was a change of order as our guest speaker, Brenda Logan of *Conquering Mount Scrapmore*, asked to start the program before the business portion of the meeting. The program was fascinating, fast moving and had lots of tips. She has a free Facebook group and shares many quilting ideas.

After the program, Anne Flaggs called the business meeting to order.

There were no guests or new members. The minutes of the November meeting were approved unanimously.

The next Executive Board meeting was announced to be on Monday, Dec. 9 on Zoom. All were invited to attend. Just let Anne know and a Zoom link will be sent.

The highlights of our newsletter, *The Quiltline*, were reviewed and included many Quilt Show items of interest like the Raffle Basket needs, Boutique, Silent Auction, Yard sale and FSQ Challenge “Life is a Beach”. The Program chairs, Judy Walsh and Stacy Ross are stepping down and replacements are needed to train under their expertise. Please volunteer so that our wonderful programs can continue. Service Projects donated quilts to Project Linus and Healthy Families which is part of Shepard Pratt. Workshops are scheduled for Dec. 12 and 19. Please attend and help with our Service Projects’ amazing work.

Committee Reports and Announcements:

Quilt Show: Trish McTighe said that the flier has been corrected and the Website and PDF are to be up to date.

Judy Walsh said that Quilt Show registration will open on Jan. 1 and close on March 15. It will be done online as last show; but if you have a problem with registering online, please e-mail her and she will work out another solution for you.

Raffle Quilt Marketing: Judy Hoffman, chair, reported that the quilt traveled to Cluster Spires in November. Many thanks Suma Glassman and Sherrijoyce King for their help. There will be more volunteers needed in February to take the quilt out to other groups. Mary Jean Spencer will take over the job for Judy Hoffman while Judy has knee surgery in the spring.

The Quiltline – January 2025

Quilt Show Challenge is “Life’s a Beach” and should be between 20 - 25 inches on each side and does not need a sleeve.

There was no Show and Tell.

The Door Prize was won by Michele Barnard.

The Meeting was adjourned at 8:55pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Harriet Sheinson, Corresponding Secretary



Programs

Stacy Ross and Judy Walsh

We need 2 volunteers to become Program co-chairs after our term is up May 31st. We'll be starting to contact potential speakers for our 2025-26 business year in mid/late January. You'll be ahead of the game if you start to shadow some of this process now. Please contact Stacy and Judy at programs@friendshipstar.org with questions or if you are willing to take on this position. As always, we welcome suggestions for new speakers from our members!

In **January** our speaker will be Elizabeth DeCroos, who will be sharing **Pojagi - From Ancient Korea to Modern Canada**. Come learn this hand- or machine-sewing technique for creating reversible patchwork with the seams finished on both sides. This is popular for table toppers, wearables and light throws. When using batiks, wall hangings look like stained glass when hung in the window! See examples of Elizabeth's work on epidastudios.com

In February, teacher and lecturer **Vicki Conley** will present **Inspired by the Parks**, explaining how she uses photos and her imagination to create beautiful graphic-art-style quilts. Her inspiration comes from her travels to 53 national parks and countless wildlife refuges, monuments, and other historic or cultural sites. Vicki offers both on-demand and Skillshare classes, so check out her [website](#) and get inspired!



Service Projects Update

Nance Brennan and Anne Weaver

The holidays have come and gone, and we hope everyone had a relaxing time with family and friends. We were busy right up until the last-minute delivering children's quilts, preemie quilts and baby hats to several places around the county.

The local contact for Project Linus was happy to receive **26 children's quilts and 20 preemie quilts** for local agencies as well as the DC Diaper Bank. We dropped **off 21 children's quilts, 3 pillowcases and 7 holiday placemats** at A Wider Circle, as well as **118 baby hats** at Mary's Center for Maternal and Child Care on University Boulevard.

We've been overwhelmed with the outpouring of support for all our community outreach. The number of items delivered since our quilting year started on June 1st is tremendously gratifying. Thanks to all of you we have delivered...

220 children's and teen's quilts

74 preemie quilts

190 baby hats

126 pillowcases

46 placemats

Please join us, if you can, for our January Service Projects workshops on Thursday, January 9 and Thursday, January 23, from 9:30 until noon at Fairhaven United Methodist Church, 12801 Darnestown Road (Route 28), a mile from Quince Orchard High School. For more information, contact Nance Brennan or Anne Weaver.





The Programs Committee Needs You!

Do you enjoy discovering new quilting experts online and in magazines? Do you find it exciting to meet and interact with lots of new quilting friends? Would you like to help determine what types of lectures and speakers we present at our meetings?

Stacy Ross and Judy Walsh have been happily serving as the guild's Program Committee co-chairs for almost 3 years, but they will be stepping down at the end of this business year.

We need a couple of enthusiastic volunteers to take their place! Ideally, volunteers would step up in the next month or two so they could "shadow" Stacy and Judy as they reach out to potential speakers for next year – a process that typically starts in January/February.

Are you worried you aren't qualified for the position or are too new to the guild to take on the role? Don't be! Stacy joined the program committee just a few months after joining the guild and found it a wonderful way to get more involved and get to know other members better.

Stacy, Judy and others who have been co-chairs in the past are always available to answer questions and show you the ropes! Please consider co-chairing the Programs Committee and helping the guild continue to book exciting lectures for our members.

Feel free to reach out to Stacy or Judy directly if you'd like more information!

Registering Vehicles at Asbury

When we meet at Asbury beginning in March, we'll need to register our vehicles each time we enter the campus, so Asbury Security will be able to contact the owner if there is a problem.

You can **scan the QR code below to register your vehicle each day you come** to a guild meeting or to our quilt show. Or you can give your vehicle information to the person at the gatehouse.

A graphic for an "Asbury Visitor & Vendor Parking Pass Info Card". It features the Asbury Methodist Village logo with the tagline "Anticipate More". A large QR code is on the left. To the right of the QR code, the text reads: "All patrons visiting Asbury **MUST** register their vehicle each time they visit our campus. Please scan the QR Code with your phones camera and fill out the pre-registration. OR A gatehouse associate can enter your information upon your arrival."

The address to use for your GPS driving directions is 301 Odendhal Ave., Gaithersburg, MD



FSQ Retreat

Colleen Biasco & Jennifer Rossmere

2025 ANNUAL RETREAT AT BON SECOURS

FEBRUARY 14-17, 2025

To all who have signed up for the retreat, we hope that you are getting your projects ready! Before you know it, we will be moving in all of our “stuff” and diving into a fun, long weekend of sewing with our quilting buddies. Toward the end of January, check your email for complete details about the weekend and about the Bon Secours center.

For those of you who have not signed up, but wish you had, you can still get on our Waitlist. Life happens and openings do sometimes occur as we get closer to the date. If your schedule is flexible and you think you might be able to take advantage of a last-minute opening, you should join our Waitlist.

Please email any questions to retreats@friendshipstar.org

Colleen & Jennifer





FSQ Quilt Show Update

Trish McTighe

Quilt Show 2025 “Celebration of Quilts”

Rosborough Building in Asbury Methodist Village, Gaithersburg

Quilt Turn-In: Wednesday, April 23, 3-6 PM

Set-up: Thursday April 24

Show Dates: April 25, 26, 27

The next meeting of the committee chairs will be held on Zoom on **Wednesday, January 22** at 7:00 PM. All are welcome to attend. Please contact Trish McTighe to request the link. The link will be sent to all the committee chairs. The last committee chair meeting will be in person on Wednesday, March 19 at 7:00 PM at Asbury, Rosborough Building in the Community Room (main room for Quilt Show).

The Quilt Show budget was approved by FSQ Executive Committee at the Zoom meeting on December 12th.

Please continue to work on your show quilts, challenge quilts, boutique items and silent auction creations, as cold January and February are perfect times for indoor activities!

Trish McTighe

Anne Flaggs

Co-Chairs Quilt Show 2025



Quilt Show Silent Auction

Linda Belecki and Jane Phillips

We are looking forward to your wonderful quilts, art quilts, bags, etc. for sale at the Silent Auction. All items must be made by FSQ members. The Guideline/Registration Form has been submitted and will be on the website soon in fillable format.

Linda Belecki, Chair

Jane Phillips, Co-chair



Quilt Show Raffle Baskets Elaine Villforth and Heidi Oestreicher

As we prepare for the spring quilt show, we need your help filling raffle baskets. Not all the baskets will be quilt related since we are at Asbury and need to take the residents into consideration. If a group is interested in filling a hand basket- let us know. The Piecemakers mini group has signed up to fill a basket with handmade items.

Contributing wine, coffees, and teas also helps sell the baskets.

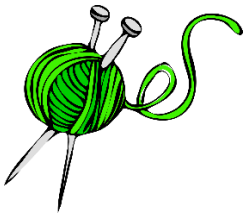
If you want to contribute content (fabric or other cute items) to help fill a basket here are some (not all) themes:

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| Beach | Puzzles/popcorn |
| Spa | Warm/cozy |
| Asian | Christmas |
| Chocolate/wine | Color themed baskets |
| Americana | Snack attack (not all residents can get out to get fun snacks) |
| Spring | Tools |
| Garden | |

We will be collecting at the in-person meetings. If you need a basket to fill contact us:

Heidi Oestreicher - heidioestreicher@yahoo.com

Elaine Villforth - villforth@comcast.net



Quilt Show Boutique Peggy Weidman and Barbara VanDenBerg

The 2025 FSQ Quilt show will be upon us before you know it! Now is the time to start preparing your homemade crafts to submit for sale at the FSQ Quilt Show Boutique. Any kind of craft items are acceptable (pottery, jewelry, greeting cards, bags, hot pad holders, etc.) as long as it is something you make with your own hands.

At the 2023 FSQ show, we had items submitted by 22 members and sold almost \$4000 in goods, so it is well worth your time to participate in the Boutique! Registration forms will be available in January.



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Quilt Show Guild Challenge

Stacy Ross

“Life’s a Beach!”



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Happy New Year, quilters! Why not ring in the new year by working on the guild challenge for the quilt show this spring? Sewing up a “Life’s a Beach” quilt will surely keep sunshine in your heart as the cold winds howl outside this winter!

As a reminder, the finished quilt should be between 20-25 inches on each side. Use the beach theme to inspire you – whether it’s your color palette, your fabric choices, your block design, or your inspiration for a collage or art quilt. Let the sights and sounds of the beach ignite your creativity as you work on your quilt!

The entries will be displayed together at the quilt show and will be eligible for Viewer’s Choice prizes in the “Guild Challenge” category. Your quilt will need to be finished in time to turn in for our April 2025 quilt show, but you will need to be ready to submit photos of it for registration no later than March 15th.

We can’t wait to see what everyone comes up with!



Quilt Show Yard Sale

Lorie Coston, Mary Ann Bruce and Carmen Contreras-Sesvold

As we are not meeting in person for the next 2 months, donation collections will be on hold until the March 2025 meeting. The Yard Sale will take place during our 2025 Quilt Show, held April 25 – 27 at Asbury Methodist Village.

Please consider donating the items listed below to the Yard Sale.

Items we accept are:

- Quilting fabric and batting (*no upholstery fabric please*)
- Quilting patterns (*no garment patterns please*)
- Books on quilting, published within the last 10 years
- Projects started but not finished/UFOs
- Panels and kits
- Quilting notions (rulers, thread, needles, rotary cutters, etc.)
- Sewing machines or irons in working order

We are accepting donations at:

- Our March 2025 meeting. We will have cars parked by the entrance doors so you can drop your goodies right in.
- Donations may be brought to Service Projects and our volunteers will make sure they are delivered to us.
- Arrangements for large donations can be made by contacting Carmen Contreras-Sesvold. (*her information is in the directory*)

There will be more details to follow! If you are interested in volunteering with us or have any questions, please consult the directory for our contact information.

Your Yard Sale Co-Chairs,

Lorie Coston, Mary Ann Bruce and Carmen Contreras-Sesvold



A True-Blue Quilt for a True-Blue President

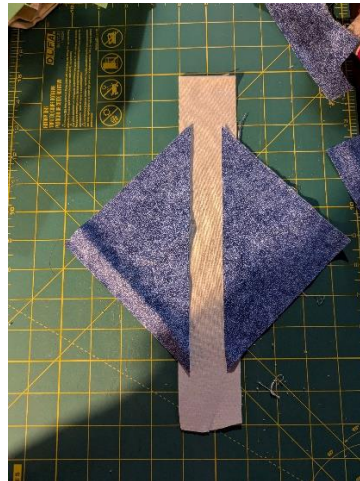
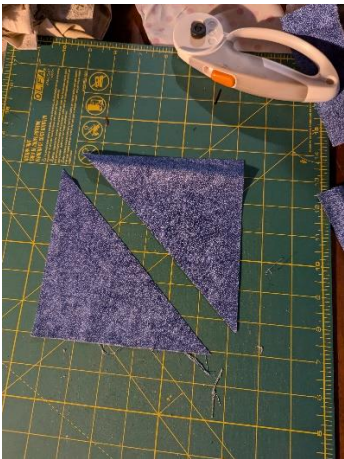
Michele Barnard

Friends, our amazing President Anne Flaggs has requested simple blue and white blocks for her president's quilt. A tutorial is below.

I will also have some pre-sewn blocks available at our in-person spring meetings for people to pick up and sign.

ANY blue is acceptable. ANY white is also OK, although - since white-on-white can be difficult to write on - you might want to stick to plain white.

1. Cut a square of blue fabric at least 6 inches on each side and cut it in half diagonally.
2. Cut a strip of white 2 inches by 12 inches



3. Sew the blue triangles to the white strip, centering them on the white so there is some overhang as in the previous photo.

4. Trim the block to 6.5 inches square, centering the white strip.



5. Ta-dah! Your block is ready to sign and turn in!



If you have any questions, just contact me, Michele Barnard.



Facebook

Suma Glassman and Ellen Robinson

We have a Facebook Group in addition to our regular page on that platform. Please like the page and join the group. The group will allow you to share pictures of your work with other members. Both pages are public so you can still view them just by going to the links. We post various items of interest to both areas.

The regular Facebook page is located at <https://facebook.com/FriendshipStarQuilters/>.

The Facebook Group is at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/421870746339372>.

If you have any questions, you can contact either Ellen or Suma individually or send an email to facebook@friendshipstar.org.



Library News

Rosie Hormuth and Liz Lawrence

For those members who have been able to attend the in-person Monday evening FSQ meetings, you already know the FSQ Library is closing.

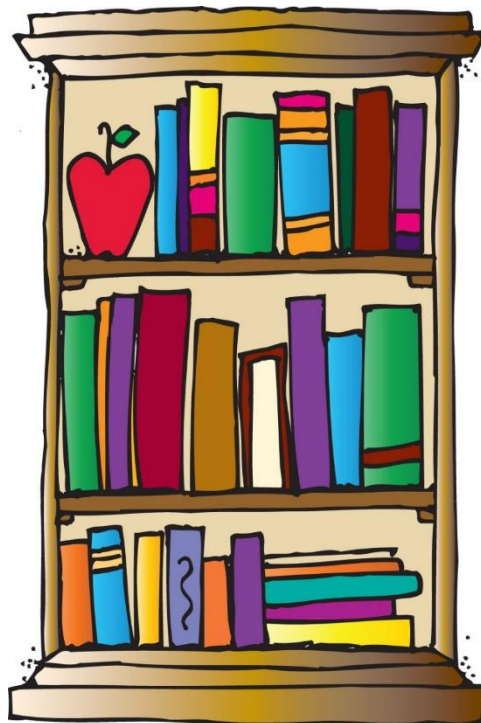
Over recent years we have seen a growing interest in on-line quilting instructions and the availability of a huge variety of free online patterns and projects, leaving little need for a paper library. Additionally, with our move to Asbury Village, there is no space to store our collection.

For these reasons the remaining books will be offered to you for a small donation. Come see us at the March and April in-person meetings for the final close-out.

If you are in possession of a loaned book and would like to keep it, we will accept financial donations at the Monday guild meetings. Please return to us any books you do not wish to retain.

Thank you for your interest over the years.

Rosie and Liz





Membership

Carrie Horton and Jan Drass

Welcome to our newest member, Carl Calabro, who joined FSQ this month.

As the new year begins, we look forward to some new quilting adventures, challenges, presentations and more time together with FSQ members, and new members who will join us this year!

Our membership is currently 117 members.

We will meet virtually for our January and February meetings, and we look forward to seeing your smiling faces on Zoom! So stay warm at home and join us virtually!

You will receive the Zoom meeting link the Sunday before the Monday, January 6th meeting. Guests are welcome if space is available. Please let Membership know if you have a guest who would like to attend so we can send a link.

We are still in the process of updating the website and renewal forms. FSQ members who are renewing their membership as well as new members can mail a check in the amount of \$35.00, payable to FSQ, to:

Carrie Horton
FSQ Membership Co-Chair
432 Girard St. Apt. 103
Gaithersburg, MD 20877

Carrie Horton & Jan Drass
Membership Co-Chairs

Happy Birthday to our FSQ friends who have birthdays in January!



Rosemary Hormuth	January 1
Colleen Biasco	January 4
Holly Trotter	January 7
Linda Gordon	January 11
Bunny Galladora	January 12
Lynn Stieber	January 19
Judy Chandler	January 22
Kimberly Strong	January 30



Tips & Tricks

Judy Walsh

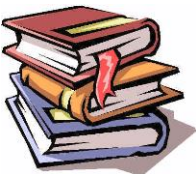
Several members have been talking about making scrap quilts after hearing our December speaker, so I thought I'd share a website of free patterns for scrap quilts.

Becky Peterson is an American living in Poland with her husband, who is a pastor. She makes LOTS of quilts which she donates in her community and beyond.

Her twin sister Rachael has a quilt shop in Dade City, FL which showcases Becky's free patterns: <https://www.quiltedtwins.com/free-patterns.htm>. When you click on a picture of a quilt, the PDF pattern will be available for download. Scrolling through the 250+ quilts one can't help but be impressed by Becky's creativity and dedication!

Quilted Twins is a "fabric warehouse" type of shop that features both current fabrics and bargains on closeouts. I've ordered from them in the past and was happy with the price and the fabrics.

If you like to make Bonnie Hunter's winter mystery quilts, they also sell bundles of fabric in Bonnie's colors.



Readers' Corner

Anne Flaggs

I love to listen to audio books; here is another one that I recently listened to and really enjoyed.

The Wishing Game by Meg Shaffer is a fantasy fiction book about a young teacher's aide who dreams of adopting a young boy but lacks proper funds and stability.

She becomes a contestant in a contest to win a first edition book that might just fulfil all her wishes.



Elected Officers	
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<u>Vice President</u>	Michele Barnard
<u>Co-Treasurers</u>	Joy Dorman and DeVeda Powell
<u>Secretary</u>	Harriet Sheinson

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<u>Facebook</u>	Suma Glassman and Ellen Robinson	<u>Raffle Quilt Ticket Sales</u>	Karen Moss
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<u>Quilt Show 2025</u>	Anne Flaggs and Trish McTighe	<u>Yard Sale</u>	Mary Ann Bruce, Lorie Coston and Carmen Contreras-Sesvold
<u>Raffle Baskets</u>	Heidi Oestreicher and Elaine Villforth	<u>Zoom Coordinator</u>	Kathy Swartz